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NASA Interested in Students' Research

Lisa Montgomery
Staff Writer

Saint Leo students Matt Dooris, Marilyn Brown, and Bryan Gregory will depart in two weeks, leaving March 8th, on a research project at the Johnson Space Center in Houston. The program is called Reduced Gravity Student Flight Opportunities and is sponsored by NASA.

Matt Dooris was involved in a summer internship and is the head of the project. The project involves testing body wearable computers in a zero-gravity environment. These computers transmit data back to NASA. To do this, students will fly in a KC-135. The plane is specially designed with padding in the interior. The plane has twenty-five seats. Students will fly to altitude and dive straight down for thirty-seconds. At this time the students will experience weightlessness. This part of the flight is difficult because many passengers experience motion sickness. Brian Gregory pointed out that, "some people are not even able to function under these conditions." Medicine, including adrenaline, will be administered to counteract motion sickness, which the crew does agree is a concern. Confused? Sound scary? Matt Dooris offers some comfort, "This program demonstrates to the general public that NASA is not comprised of a bunch of space nerds, but rather normal people. This will actually bring NASA closer to students, with an opportunity for everyone to learn."

Left to right: Bryan Gregory, Matthew Dooris and Marilyn Brown
Leonard J. Umhoefer JR. Photography

Marilyn Brown said, "I think it is going to be an exciting opportunity because the program is student run and oriented." Students and teachers are proud of this research. It has certainly helped distinguish Saint Leo as a school with many possibilities. Brian Gregory refers to the project as "an opportunity of a lifetime." "I feel fortunate", he said, "not many people are able to do this." "I just want to make sure that the experiments go well." Good Luck!

New General Education Proposal Accepted

Kate Futrell
Editor-in-Chief
&
Lisa Bisordi
Assistant Editor

Faculty and administrators gathered February 18th for a General Faculty Meeting and ended up voting 32 in favor and 9 opposed to the current General Education proposal. The proposal will put the freshman class of 1999 in a new and very different academic program. According to the Preliminary Report of the General Education Committee, "Keystone Courses are designed to teach students the basic skills necessary to successfully complete college".

The College began shopping for a new basic studies program in October of 1997. A committee was formed, and it has examined dozens of possible models. However, no official discussions or committees have included any student representation. The Academic Committee from the Student Senate is still in the process of organizing an open forum for students.

Student, Michelle Bertucci, stated, "Since this directly effects the current students of Saint Leo, faculty and administrators should have at least considered our opinion before taking a vote. Regardless of my sophomore standing, I will still be effected by the descion because the new general education program will alter the way Saint Leo graduates will be perceived from now on."

Not all faculty mem-

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Letters to Editor

Editor,

I read your editorial on final exams. While I understand your frustrations given your particular situation, not all students have the same experience and there is no perfect answer to exam schedules, except to never have them. As a faculty member I do not like to have to give an exam on Saturday but if it helps students I do not mind.

There are other things considered in doing the exam schedule that are not mentioned in the editorial, so I will highlight some of these for you and your readers. First, the exam period is part of the overall faculty/student contact time required by our accrediting agency, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). All classes are to have an exam or a class meeting on the exam date according to school policy and to meet the contact time rules of SACS. Those instructors who do not give exams or meet for the time slot violate that policy. The exam schedule is known or should be known by all at the beginning of the semester since it is published with the class listings that all students use to register. As such, the student can plan accordingly. The times for exams for different class periods change each semester so that a Tuesday/Thursday class at 9:30 is not always on Saturday but the time rotates every semester. There is a day break between the last day of class and the start of exams to give students the chance to study and finish class projects, in future academic calendars. To allow you, the student, to properly prepare for exams, finals are spread over several days for the student who must take a final in each class. If exams were not on Saturday and another day were needed to complete exams, it would require some students to stay here Saturday and Sunday and then return for a Monday or Monday and Tuesday exams.

I believe the only way exams will completely satisfy most students is when we are able to offer exams on multiple days and at multiple times for any course you take. This would allow you to take a course exam on any of the exam dates and times. This may, however, require you to sign up ahead of time for the time and date you prefer. There is no real reason for the instructor to be present, only that there is a monitor. Such a system would require faculty to have final exams ready by the first exam date and that there be qualified monitors to give exams. The only other limitation would be space, if everyone wanted to do exams on the same time and date, although this is unlikely given the variety of individual choices.

Bill Foley, Associate Professor of Accounting and Finance

Editor,

This letter is in response to the article in the January edition of the Monarch. I was very pleased to see an article relating to Taboo Topics. As a Rape Prevention Educator for Sunrise Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center, I want to commend those 25 students who attended the meeting.

I would also like to commend both Brian and Erin. It takes a tremendous amount of courage for a person who has been sexually assaulted and has been battered by someone they care about to disclose their victimization. One of the first reactions a rape victim has is to take blame. They want to believe that "If I had only..." Society is entrenched in the mythology about rape and domestic violence and nearly always tries to blame the victim. "She deserved it, just look what she was wearing." "What was she doing there?" "We all know that if you're drunk, you deserve what you get!" **No one deserves to be harmed. No one deserves to be raped.**

As a Saint Leo alumni, and continuing education student, I am very proud of my fellow students, Erin and Brian. I respect them for wanting to share what happened to then, in order to help others. Sunrise would like to bring presentations to this innovative student body. Taboo Topics such as Date/Acquaintance Rape, Sexual Assault, Sexual Harassment, and Incest are my main areas of concern. Brian is absolutely right when he says that "knowing it can happen to you can save you."

Terry L. Lightfoot
Rape Education Coordinator

Editor,

Once again Saint Leo has failed to balance its workload for students. With an ill-timed Spring Break, teachers are forced to pile all work into the final week before break. Along with four tests, I also had two papers and a project due. I ventured from the Cage to the library and ending in the coffeehouse, I encountered many stressed out students who justifiably complained about their workload. Most students I spoke with had three tests in one day, as well as a project due. The College is small enough that it should be able to coordinate its efforts for the student's sake. Not only to spread out their work but also so that the information is learned instead of crammed and lost. Hopefully Saint Leo can learn from this and work to correct this problem.

Carlos Davalos, student

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Creative Writing Corner 3

Jennifer Molby

Today I saw a shrine
to the lov'ly river Rhine.
As I heard the wind whine
mem'ries rushed through my mind.
Like the sweet taste of wine,
so fresh from the vine.
Or the sight of the Alpine
when the mountain tops align.
Then the sun began to shine,
and my path seemed to define.
Like a dog leading the blind,
my spirit seemed to find -
that the future would be kind.
I felt as though a sign
was sneaking from behind:
If I am to unwind,
my worries must decline.
When my heart is in a bind
and my choices seem to grind,
my life will stay in line
because my soul is not mine.
With spirit and faith combined,
the Lord will assure I'm fine.

Genevieve Apken

Having a bad day,
Nothing was going my way
I decided to stroll by the bay.
Still seeing things in array
I must say,
Made me feel more gray.
I chose not to stay,
Walking back the other way
I came across a glittery tray.
Lying on the bay;
It was reflecting the sun's ray
I picked up the tray
And started walking away.
When I met a girl named Kay.
She quickly informed me she was a happy gay,
And went along her merry way.
I wished her good day
And once again began to stray.
Gazing at the tray,
I tried to remember what was wrong with my day.
Seeing in my reflection from the sun's ray,
I decided things weren't that gray,
And were not in array.

WEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!!
Robert Nooris

I want to go back to bed
And lay down my sleepy head
But this poem I have to write
So it'll be done out of spite
When you have no reason to rhyme
It's always a waste of time
I have nothing to write about
So I'm about to go outside and shout
But who would there be to listen
Except for a few cars that glisten
They're all at the bar having fun
An I'm about to go grab a gun
And blow up this stupid computer
For not having a poem any sooner
My keyboard does not wish to agree
And type the dumb thing for me
So I'm stuck in my room
Which is starting to feel like a tomb
I'm reading everything in sight
In the desperate hopes that it might
Trigger something in my brain
To have writing fall down like rain
But it doesn't seem to be working
'Cause I'm still here sitting and typing
at least the poem is near completion
and I will soon end my frustration
before heaving this thing through the window
and killing a person below
'Cause that would really mess up my head
knowing I caused someone to be dead
Yea! I'm finally done
Now for some fun in the … sun?

Evergreen
Leonard J. Umhoefer

There's calmness with peace,
And feelings serene;
There's bliss that's been fleeced,
With pure evergreen.

The reasons apart,
Can closely be seen;
Though red is my heart,
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The smells they're of life,
So fresh and sweet clean;
A vanishing strife,
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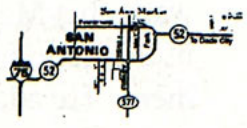

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Faculty Profile: Coach Swart

Lisa Montgomery
Staff Writer

Assistant Professor John Swart has a message. He wants students to know that there are two aspects of life expectancy: how long a person expects to live, and what a person expects the quality of each day to be. Students at Saint Leo are required to take Swart's two credit hour Health and Wellness course. This course is designed to teach the basics of cardiovascular health and fitness. From good diet to stretching, the course is very informative.

"This is the most important class you can take. Don't take that statement the wrong way, but think of all the time that is spent on learning how to make a living, compared to learning how to live," he said. Mr. Swart has taught at Saint Leo for thirty-one years. He knows that, on average, college students don't take care of themselves. He says that most of the time the excuse for failing to take care of one's body is not having enough time.

Mr. Swart wants students to get out of the "Ho-hum attitude" so that they do not get to the "Hey-you" stage.

The "Ho-hum" and "Hey-you" phrases sound odd, but they mean something very important. "Ho-hum" refers to the state of mind and lifestyle that does not consider exercise and diet. "Hey-you" is the stage that wakes you up to what is being done wrong and how it can be improved. "Hey-you" can be a scary experience or crisis. For some it is a heart attack, and for others it is weight gain. Mr. Swart would like to prevent the "Hey-you" stage, and help his students to realize that right now is a perfect time to take care of their bodies.

Mr. Swart asks his classes, "If you don't take care of your body, then where are you gonna live?" He says that he did not coin this phrase, rather his friend did. Swart lives by these words. Swart exercises regularly, he rides a stationary bike that also promotes arm movement, it is designed for a full aerobic workout. He used to jog but is now unable due to a hip replacement.
He tells students to eat well, but enjoy themselves. He says that he gets a lot of flack from students when he is caught eating a donut or another food that might not be part of the perfect diet.

You don't have to be a saint, just "eat better." In class he uses the example of grease in fried chicken. "You wouldn't put a bag of fried

Coach Swart

chicken on the seat of your car because it would stain, so why put it in your body?" Most importantly, Mr. Swart teaches common sense. He has a realistic approach to fitness. One's life depends on how it is maintained, and he reminds students that heart disease can start at any age. Our bodies are often twenty years older than we are.

Everyone can make positive improvements now. Take the stairs rather than the elevator. Park farther away from your destination rather than circling the parking lot for the closest space. Mr. Swart does not expect his students to become marathon runners. His goal is to get his students to make improvements in their lifestyles so they can live longer and feel better.

Student Profile: Troy Bishop

Leonard Umhoefer
Photography Editor

Troy Bishop, a thirty year old Junior with a 3.5 GPA at Saint Leo College, moved to Florida in 1972 from Fontana, California. After serving in the U.S. Army from 1989 – 1996 at bases in South Carolina, Georgia, Washington DC, and Germany, Troy began his college career.

Troy is a transfer student from PHCC, and he has no regrets about his decision to attend Saint Leo College. He said, "I get a lot more for my money at Saint Leo College, especially compared to what I would receive from a school with 200 students per class. The personal interaction from the professors is invaluable."

Hobbies are a luxury Troy has no time for at this stage of life. He spends his spare time building and repairing computers for friends and family. "That is, what spare time I have outside of studying," he said. He also teaches others how to use various software applications.

Troy Bishop

Troy has been married for eight years and presently has no children. His goals include graduating from Saint Leo College and working towards his Master degree in Education Management. He added, "I will eventually complete my doctorate, although right now I have not decided on a major."

To nominate a student to be profiled contact the Monarch at X3308.

Student Leadership Weekend

Lisa Bisordi
Assistant Editor

Forty-nine students from Saint Leo College attended a leadership day in Tampa on January 30. The event began at 8:00a.m. and ended around 8:30p.m. Each club and organization recognized by the Student Government Union was required to send at least one representative to the seminar. All of the Student Government officers were strongly encouraged to attend.

The day began with the speaker/presenter, Michael A. Davidson Derosa, President/Leadership Consultant of Smile & Think, Inc. teaching games to the students. The day was filled with activities. He led participants in leadership enhancing games, participated in discussions that involved multiculturalism, and taught time management skills. "I learned while having fun at the same time," stated freshman June Ramirez of Alpha Sigma.

After a fun-filled, educational day, the students went over to Embassy Suites for a banquet dinner. After dinner, Michael Derosa expressed his main points regarding essential leadership qualities. Then everyone had a chance to work off that cheesecake dessert by dancing to some tunes in a team exercise. The students enjoyed the day. Megan Brady, sophomore of SUAV, said, "We're replacing old tactics with new and witty techniques." Students also had a chance to work in teams. "I think Saint Leo is really contributing to the growth of the students," stated junior Page Batton, representing Circle K. The leadership day was sponsored and funded by the Student Government Union. Neil Kennedy, Vice President of Operations, felt that the day was a success. He stated "I think that it was great. All of the evaluations had positive responses. Overall, the day went really well. The committees were great. Everyone worked together as a team."

Health Fair Festivities

Mark Terry
Freelance

Saint Leo- The 16th annual Health Fair was held at Saint Leo College on February 21 through 23 from 10a.m. to 2:30p.m.. First year nurse, Jan Waldstein, did a wonderful job as the coordinator of the Health Fair. S.G.U. also lended a helping hand to what some call, "The best Health Fair in Saint Leo History." The purpose for this Health Fair was to inform students how to stay healthy and safe.

The students of Saint Leo were educated and entertained throughout the week by local business and organizations. There were over 30 venders at this year's Health Fair. Waldstein said with a smile, "Everyone was wonderful."

The Pasco County Sheriffs Department brought "drunk glasses." These glasses make one feel that he has drunk 8-10 beers. The crowd enjoyed watching students trying to do simple things such as touching their noses or walking the white line. The highlight of the day was when the San Antonio Fire Department had a T-shirt toss off the back of their fire truck. The sirens were blaring, and students were having a grand time.

Faculty Column: Dr. McTague

Last year the Florida Marlins had the dubious distinction of being the only team in baseball history to go from "first to worst." After winning the 1997 World Series, the team was dismantled by owner Wayne Huizenga, who claimed he had lost $30 million that season. He sold off or traded so many of the team's key players that they finished 1998 with a 54-108 record, dead last in the majors.

Now we are seeing a similar feat take place in the NBA. The Chicago Bulls, winners of six championships in the last eight years, are undergoing such an overhaul that their own fans don't recognize them. And so far the changes are all for the worse, unless Bulls' management has some secret agenda that nobody else knows about. While the Bulls aren't being reconstructed for financial reasons, the results may be just as devastating as happened to the Marlins.

First, the team's quirky but effective coach, Phil Jackson, quit last summer after years of stormy relations with General Manager Jerry Krause. The G.M. had been long grooming Iowa State coach Tim Floyd for the job and he was quickly hired (although he was named Director of Basketball Operations in case Jackson, having been shown the door, wanted to return). This change was ominous, since Michael Jordan had finally announced that he wouldn't play for any other coach. But the lockout, which began July 1, froze any further moves for the next six months. When it finally ended, all hell broke lose for the Bulls. In less than fourteen days their team was in tatters.

It started with Jordan ending the suspense by announcing his retirement. Then Scottie Pippen signed with the Houston Rockets. Dennis Rodman proclaimed his retirement, then changed his mind but said he would play only in a warm-weather city. Next, Steve Kerr skipped off to the San Antonio Spurs and luc Longely to the Phoenix Suns. Just like that, the Bulls had lost four of their five starters and a top reserve. In this writer's opinion, no team has ever been destroyed so quickly.

What does Chicago have left? Not much! Two useful players return, point guard Ron Harper and forward Toni Kukoc (who now becomes the go-to-guy). They also

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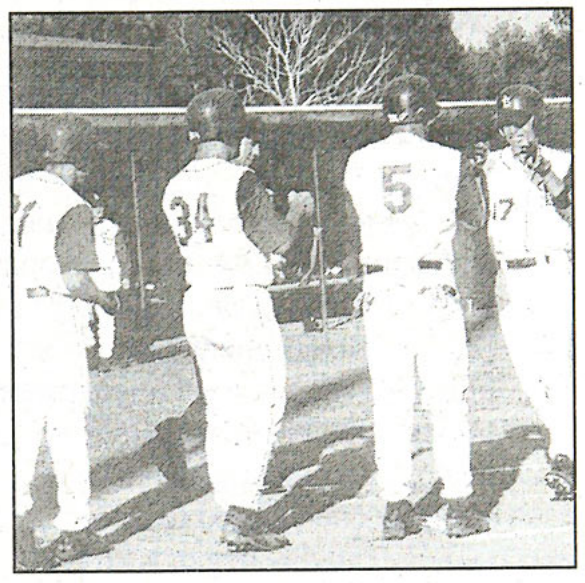
Male Sports Update

Kelly Kohn
Co-Sports Editor

The **men's basketball** season has come to an end. They ended the year with a 13-14 record overall, and they placed seventh in the conference. A key victory for the Monarchs was their win over The University of Tampa, 71-65. Daryl Kelsey scored 27 points, and Austin Ojukwu pulled down 9 rebounds. Then, they traveled to Boca Raton, Florida to play nationally ranked Lynn University. The game went in to overtime, but the Monarchs fell short, 102-94. Daniel Palmer had 29 points while Kelsey and Slaughter each had 18 points. The men's team bounced back with a win over Eckerd College, but lost three of their last four contests in conference. Additionally, they lost to second seeded Lynn University in the first round of the conference tournament. Daryl Kelsey and Brett Slaughter were named to the Sunshine State Conference Second-Team.

The **baseball season** at Saint Leo began on Feb. 3 with an 11 inning loss to Rollins College. The next *night the baseball team pulled out a* one run (12-11) victory over Palm Beach Atlantic. Jason Linkes had a homerun and went 2-3 from the plate. This game lasted 5 hours because it went 12 innings. The Monarch's went on to beat Palm Beach Atlantic a second time, then they split a 2 game series with Brewton-Parker. The big victory came against Florida Southern on Feb. 7. The baseball team won the game 10-7. Pete Marudous pitched 8 and 2/3 innings and gave up only 2 earned runs. Mike Wren had a homerun and three RBI's. Patrick Bowen, a pitcher for the baseball team, has big plans for his team and his senior year, "I want to go out on top." He thinks he has a chance this year because of unity on his team,



Cayetano Landeros gets congratulated by his teamates for his home run.
Leonard J. Umhoefer JR. Photo

"We aren't a lot of individuals, we aren't a lot of guys who think they are superstars." Since the begining of the season, several weeks ago, the Monarchs have played 6 games.

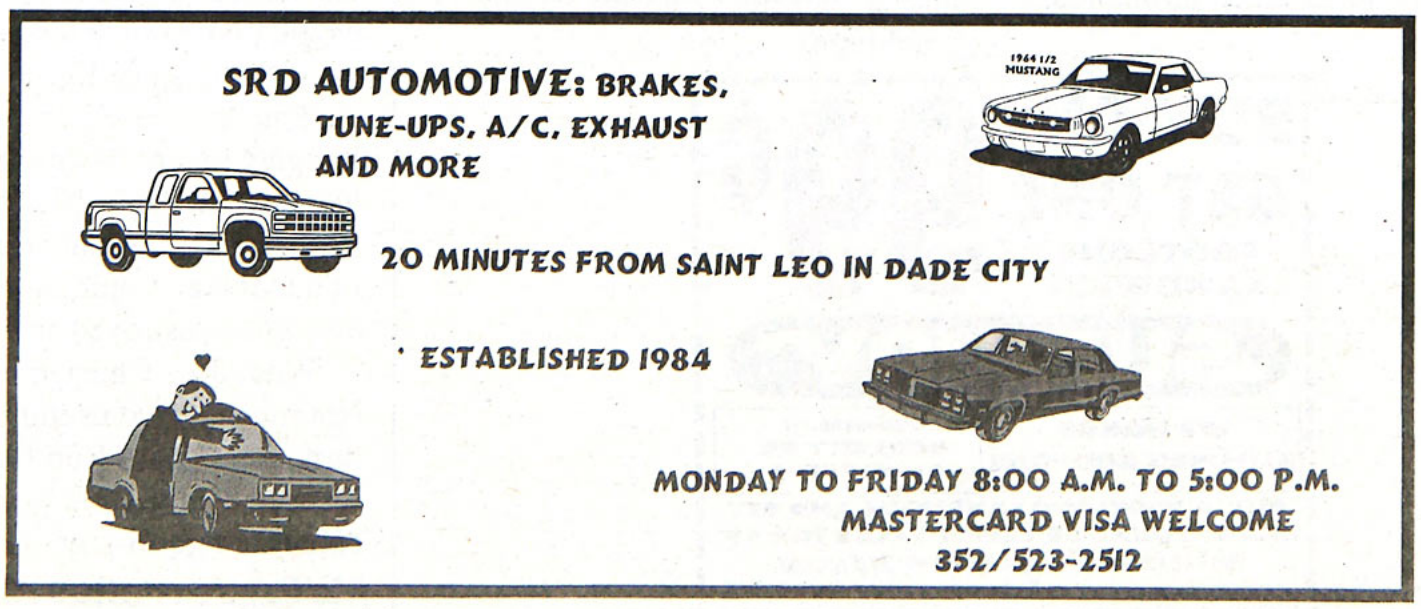
Female Sports Update

George Root
Co-Sports Editor

Women's Basketball-The Monarchs ended the season with a 9-19 record. They won their first round game in the conference tournament. The Monarchs graduate three seniors this year. In terms of leadership, Dawna Fergusan, Kelly Kohn, and Telica Philip will leave a huge void to fill for next year's team. Statistically, they have been led by the trio of Meiser, Ferguson, and Philip. Meiser is the scoring leader with 15.5 points per game, followed by Philip at 12.9 points per game. At 7 rebounds a game, Ferguson leads the Monarchs, followed by Philip's 6.8 rebounds per game. Freshman Mindi Bodolous has made a solid contribution this season. During the season the Monarchs also set a school record for number of conference wins.

Women's Softball- The season looks good for the Monarchs. They hope to follow the strong arm of Desiree Croteau to a conference championship. Croteau started out the season with a 15-strikeout perfect game. Jacquelin Brown, another early season standout, has shown a lot of prowess at the plate. The Monarchs will play a 33 game schedule, but only 13 of those contests will be played at home.

Women's Tennis- The Monarchs look forward to a good year. Their seedings are as follows
1) Stephanie Harris
2) Britt Patriarche
3) Karen Lehto
4) Mary Galambos
5) Shelby Jordan



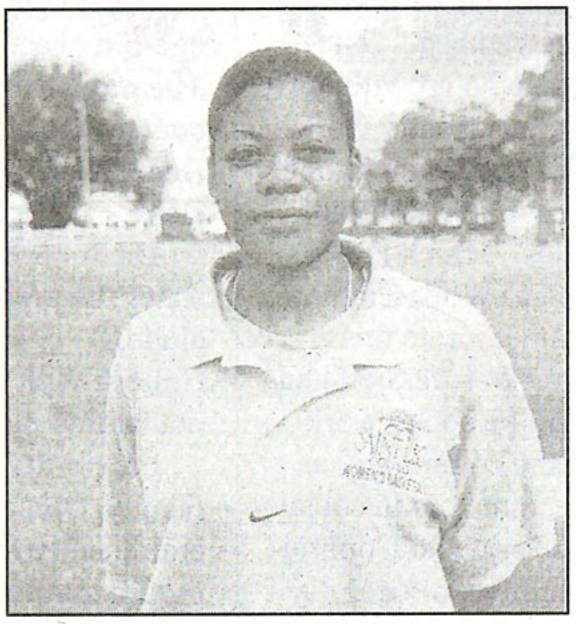
PLAYER PROFILES

Female Profile: Dawna Fergusan

George Root
Co-Sports Editor

Dawna Fergusan closed out a good career at Saint Leo this season. Though only here two seasons she will leave a legacy of hard work and determination. She brought a brand of hustle to the Monarch hardwood that will probably not ever be seen again. The Manatee Community College transfer was second on the team in rebounding this season and third in scoring. Her best game of the season was a 9 rebound output in a conference win at Lynn University.

Dawna commented that the team has some pretty good athletes returning. Though disappointed in the outcome of the season, she does cherish the wins they did get en route to recording the most conference wins in school history. Dawna also finished 11th in the conference in rebounding. Statistics aside, she makes many contributions that statistics don't reflect.



Dawna Fergusan

Male Profile: Jason Linkes

Kelly Kohn
Co-Sports Editor

Jason Linkes is in his fifth and final year at Saint Leo College. He hit 16 home runs last year and was All-Southern Region as well as All-Conference. When he leaves Saint Leo College he will be 3rd in all-time batting average. Linkes played a crucial part in the Monarch's victory against Palm Beach Atlantic and has gone 4-12 in the 6 games the baseball team has played this season. Additionally, Linkes went 2-4 in a victory over rival Florida Southern.

Unfortunately, Linkes was injured in a freak accident in that game that may have fractured his wrist. Linkes accepts his injury, "You get hurt. It's just part of the game," he said. "There is no good game to get injured in. Nobody enjoys missing half of their season." Linkes was hitting around .500 before his injury. Coach Stabile expects great things from Linkes every time he is on the field. "I know when I put him in the line-up he comes to play. You don't have to worry; he is going to give 100 percent. He is focused. He is always concentrating on the game he is about to play."

Jason's silent leadership is an important role on the team. Freshman Trevor Hall had this to say about him, "He is fun to be around, and he is always there to pick you up when you make a mistake. He is a silent leader. He'll lead by example," commented freshman Trevor Hall.

Jason Linkes

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Sports Column Men's Basketball

Mikal Schrage
Freelance

The Saint Leo men's basketball team has had a rough go of it this season. After the success of last season, in which the Monarchs were led by Darrell "Showbiz" Brooks and Shawn Wilson, Saint Leo posted a 19-9 record; and had a good showing in the conference tournament. So it was only natural that the team would place high expectations for this season. In the pre-season all was going according to plan for Coach Mike Hanks. To ease the losses of Brooks, Wilson, and center Joe Philon, Hanks brought in the heavy artillery this season, recruiting 6'4" forward Tony Ross from Maryland, 6'5" center Adrian Wilson a transfer from USF, and guard Darrell Kelsey (a red- shirt from last season). With these new additions the return play of forward Austin Ojukwu and Bret Slaughter as well as guards Sean Wood and Daniel Palmer Hanks sealed-the-deal as Saint Leo stood poised to not only post a 20 win season but a run at the conference championship. Things did not go as planned. Sweeps by Florida Memorial, and heartbreaking losses to Lynn and Barry Universities respectively left Saint Leo's students with a bad taste in their mouths.

The Monarch's, who are seeded sixth, needed strong showings from guard Darrell Kelsey and forwards Bret Slaughter and Austin Ojukwu if their hopes would be resurrected. A strong showing would not only mean a conference chanpionship, but a birth in the NCAA tournament. The Monarchs road would be a tough one as their road to glory was blocked by first round opponent Lynn, who two weeks earlier gave the Monarchs their back breaker of their season, a double overtime loss at Saint Leo. If the Monarchs could beat Lynn, then they would have faced Florida Tech in the semi's and Florida Southern in the championship, but the season just wasn't meant to be.

What next season holds in uncertain, but Coach Hanks now knows that the pressure is off and the sky is the limit.

8 Club Profile: Social Work

Jennifer Hawley
Staff Writer

As President Shirley Eyers says of the Social Work Club, "We are trying to be a link to the campus and the community because we have noticed a need." The mission of the club is also to help those who are vulnerable or in need. The Social Work Club is currently working in conjunction with St. Rita's Catholic Church to help Pasco County's migrant families by providing clothing, food baskets, and links to other charities. March is National Social Work Month, and the Social Work Club will host an event on March 19 to commemórate this. The event will honor both the social work profession and BSW graduates. The primary topic will be social work as it applies to Saint Leo College and the community at large. A special invitation will go out to majors in social work and human services from Pasco-Hernando Community College and Hillsborough Community College. However, anyone interested in social work is welcome to attend.

The officers of the Social Work Club are: President Shirley Eyers, Vice President Amy Johnson, Treasurer Sally Moore, and Secretary Kathe Patrick. Advisor Dr. Margaret McInnis has this to say of about the club's members, "I have never worked with such a hard-working, enthusiastic bunch of people in my life. They are very active and very organized." The club's other advisors are Dr. Cindy Lee and Francis Martin, LCSW, BCD. The Social Work Club meets every Tuesday at 12:45 P.M. in the Student Activity Center. These meetings are open to all interested students.

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bers felt the program would benefit the college. Father Tony Kissel remarked, "I question whether my department could fulfill the task of developing standard outcomes and provide realistic assessments for philosophy and theology restricted to six hours."

Other concerns range from transfer students to the age-old question of science vs. religion in the classroom. The proposal states that, " . . . all general education courses must incorporate at least two of the Saint Leo Benedictine Values." This would include science classes.

Dr. Astolfi, Vice President of Academic Affairs, states the proposed benefits of the proposal would include, " . . . every Saint Leo graduate should leave the College with a sense that they have participated in a particular and distinctive educational program."

Flexibility of the program was a major concern for faculty. According to the minutes taken from this General Faculty Meeting, "Mr. Fisk called the question, asking for a vote to accept the current general education proposal with an amendment to have the flexibility to extend the required hours to 52." The original figure was 43 hours.

"We will develop a coherent, distinctive curriculum that can attract students and parents because of how it responds to our Catholic mission, unique values and identity. We will adopt a new common core," commented President Kirk. There still remains more specific details to be discussed and decided upon. If you are interested in the open student forum, please contact the Academic Committee of the Student Senate.

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Viewers will choke on their popcorn and cough up their drink! At least that was the main reaction upon a showing of the film *Rushmore*. The film is so hilarious and unpredictable that eating and drinking in the theater is actually unsafe! One cannot expect when the next joke will happen. Bill Murray is genius and the soundtrack is amazing. Leave any expectations of other high school films at home. (Yes, even *She's All That*.)

Jason Schwartzman plays Max Fischer, an odd-ball student who uses little practical intelligence while attending his snobby, private academy. Max was accepted into Rushmore when he was seven years old for writing a play. Max is now fifteen and obviously doesn't fit in with all of the other rich boys.

Bill Murray is Blume, a chain-smoking rich man going through a mid-life crisis. He wants to kill his annoying twin sons, and his wife. Max finds common ground with Blume. Blume is a former student of the prestigious school. His sons now attend the school but Blume doesn't think they deserve to. Blume delivers a welcome back speech and encourages the poorer students to start beating on the rich ones every chance they get.

He lives with his father, who is a barber, but Max tells everyone that his father is a brain surgeon. He is put on academic probation because he is the president and founder of almost every club at the school. Max lives to put on his plays and patronize school officials. He falls in love with and elementary teacher at the school, Miss Cross (Olivia Williams). Next thing you know Max and Blume are battling it out for Miss Cross, destroying themselves and property.

The movie contains many twists and turns. The acting is superb, and it is definitely a movie to remember. If you'd like a change of pace see *Rushmore*. It leaves a lasting impression and a smile on your face.

PAYBACK

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If someone is looking for a great action/comedy, *Payback* is the movie to see. Crowds of Mel Gibson fans were drawn to the movie theatres on the opening night of his new movie *Payback*. Not only was he the main actor in the film, but he was also one of the producers. Bruce Davey was the other.

Payback is a remake of the 1967 film, *Point Blank*. For most of the movie, a skilled thief, played by Gibson, tried to track down his wife and his friend who double-crossed him. The double-crossers don't expect Gibson's character because they thought he had died after his wife shot him and left him for dead. Porter, Gibson's character and the thief, recovered and was out for revenge. He wanted the $70,000 he was double-crossed out of. While Porter tried hunting them down, he murdered quite a few people who got in his way. He was portrayed as an anti-hero. His mission was not for a good cause, yet he was not the bad guy. Ultimately, his wife ended up dying from a drug overdose, and Porter wound up with someone else. Despite a few morbid scenes, *Payback i*s bound to amuse the audience.

Payback's publicity deals mostly with its star actor, Mel Gibson. This is probably because there aren't any other major actors in the cast. The other main actors were Maria Bello, Gregg Henry, and David Paymer. The director of the movie was Brian Helgeland.

The movie has a happy ending. However, don't bring your children to this movie. It is full of shooting and humorous mishaps. The movie has been rated "R." The main story line is about Porter trying to get back his money. There is no singular plot. However, it does offer some thrills and the satisfaction of seeing the not-so-bad guy win. Go see it to find out if he is "paid back." The movie is good for a few laughs.

SHE'S ALL THAT

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Were you, "not all that" in high school? Join the club. Despite one's past social status, *She's All That* is a movie that can be enjoyed by everyone, jocks, prom queens, or nerds. The film is quick paced and witty. You'll find that the "elite" do their share of terrorizing, but also get what is coming to them. Finally a movie recognizes high school for the true alter-reality that it is. *She's All That* mocks the fact students really worship the star athletes and ridicule the enlightened minds.

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The plot begins with most popular girl in school dumping the most popular guy in school (imagine the turmoil!) Are you hanging on to the edge of your seat? What's worse is that she dumps him for a former MTV "Real World" star. Let's just say that he's worse than "Puck." Things really get interesting when the dumpee claims that he can transform any female at school into a stunning prom queen.

His friends take him up on the bet and select the "lucky" lady. They pick a four-eyed art nerd, and the movie is underway. I noticed that some actors from the movie, *The Faculty* were recycled for this film. Usher, has four lines in this flick, one more than he had in *The Faculty*. How about that catchy tune? No one seems to know the title or artist. I wonder if it has ever had any radio play? *She's All That* is a romantic and informative comedy. It is informative because it reminds us of how naive we were in high school. Most importantly the film teaches that a person's worth goes deeper than popularity. I realized the first day of college that no one cares who or what I was in high school.

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Aquarius- March will bring you love and peace. Be competitive, but cautious not to step on anyone's toes.

Pisces- This is your month. You will feel capable and confident. Let your inner voice be heard. It holds valuable information.

Taurus- Hang in there! The beginning of the month is hard to digest but by the end of the month you'll really be going places!

Aries- March may hold a break up for you. You are usually the last to apologize! It's in your best interest to make the first move this time!

Gemini- You will win all of your battles this month, but don't let this go to your head. Because it could be the opposite next month.

Leo- Take this month to help a friend in need. You have a big heart so use it!

Cancer- Focus on your goals. Do not listen to those who deem them impossible. A big surprise is in store for you by the 25th.

Virgo- You will become stronger after solving a large problem. Share this wisdom with a friend.

Libra- Enjoy the weather and reflect on your inner spirit. March will prove to be a time of housekeeping.

Scorpio- Remember to smile this month! Ask questions and stay alert. Next month will be your favorite.

Sagittarius- Remember the love of your life. Valentine's Day has just passed but take time to let that person know that you are madly in love.

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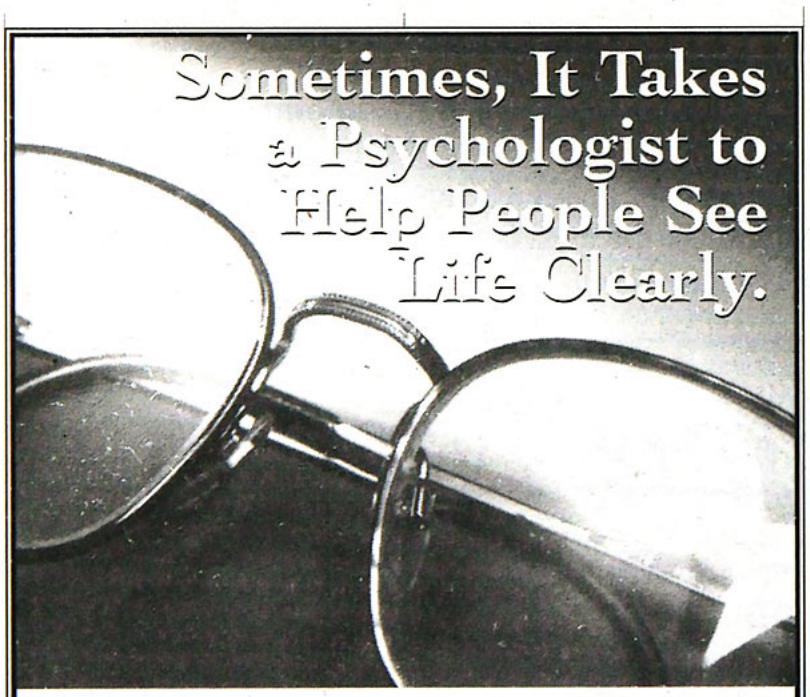

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bring back center Bill Wennington, who is no more than a back-up. Krause has added players such as shooting guard Brett Barry, underachieving center Andrew Lang, and over-the-hill forward Mark Bryant. They haven't had a high draft pick since the 1980s, so not much can be expected from the rookies.

Put this all together and you have a horrible team. It's hard to figure why Krause isn't going after better players, and that's why I noted earlier that he might have something up his sleeve. The loss of Jordan, Pippen, Rodman, et. al. Should give the Bulls lots of room under the salary cap for free agents, but so far nothing has happened.

So, Tim Floyd--lots o' luck. Bulls' fans already hate you for replacing the beloved Jackson, and now you're going to lead the team from the penthouse to the outhouse. You better get an unlisted phone number and keep your address a secret. At least Miami Marlins' fans were used to losing—1997 was the only winning season in the team's seven-year history. But the Bulls have been the NBA's team of the 1990s and Chicagoans expect them to win. Things could get ugly in the United Center quite often this year.

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12 Dealing with Sexual Harassment

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Saint Leo College officially defines sexual harassment as, "unwelcome sexual contact of any nature, communication (either verbal or pictorial) of a sexual or gender-based nature, or solicitation of sexual contact of any nature, when any of the above contacts or communications are not mutually agreeable to both parties . . . . " There are two types of sexual harassment: hostile environment and quid pro quo (in which the harasser promises something in return for submission). The key to sexual harassment is that it is unwelcome. It is largely about perception, in that what offends one person may not bother another. Sexual harassment may include the following types of unwanted conduct: sexual innuendoes and comments, repeatedly asking a person out for dates or to have sex, stalking a person, pervasive display of pictures or other materials with sexually explicit or graphic content, direct or indirect threats or bribes for unwanted sexual activity, attempted or actual sexual assault, etc. Certain groups of people are subject to more harassment than others. Some of these are: young, isolated males or females; females in non-traditional fields; females of color; and persons who are single or divorced. Harassment is almost always based on a power differential in which one person is in a position of power over another. This role imbalance may include popularity and confidence or the power to give grades.

Sexual harassment is a serious problem. In 1997 alone, almost 16,000 charges of sexual harassment were filed with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Undoubtedly, numerous other cases went unreported due to fear and/or embarrassment. While sexual harassment is usually associated with the workplace, it is not exclusive to it. As Saint Leo's Gender Equity Officer, Dr. Mary Spoto, points out, "It is an unfortunate fact of life in universities and colleges that sexual harassment does exist." Saint Leo is no exception. During the 1997-1998 school year, a total of seven cases of sexual harassment were reported on the main campus, as well as the CDL campuses. In general, Saint Leo has seen cases of alleged harassment in the following forms: student to student, faculty to student, and staff to staff. Student to student is the most prevalent form. Most of Saint Leo's complaints deal with the issues of hostile environment. Depending upon the nature of the complaint, Saint Leo has two methods of dealing with sexual harassment claims: informal procedure and formal procedure. Informal procedure is primarily used to resolve the issue when the complainant just wants the behavior to stop. Quid pro quo and other serious accusations must be handled formally. Students have the right to request formal procedure in all cases. Formal procedure involves a grievance committee which will evaluate the situation and determine appropriate sanctions (when necessary). These sanctions may range from a reprimand to dismissal. Dr. Spoto affirms that "Saint Leo is strongly committed to creating a nonhostile environment for students, faculty, and staff." However, she reminds the student body that only reported cases can be resolved. She goes on to say that the, "effect of a good sexual harassment policy depends on people following through with procedures that have been set-up by the institution." Dr. Spoto also warns that, "generally thinking harassment will stop on its own doesn't work" because an "incident of harassment may constitute a pattern of harassment." Harassers often don't know or recognize limits and/or boundaries.

Any student or employee of Saint Leo College who feels that he or she has been sexually harassed should contact Dr. Mary Spoto at (352) 588-8463. Confidentiality will be observed. There is also information available on page thirty-four of the Student Handbook. It is important to remember that if a behavior makes you feel uncomfortable or threatened, it could fall within the realm of harassment to you.

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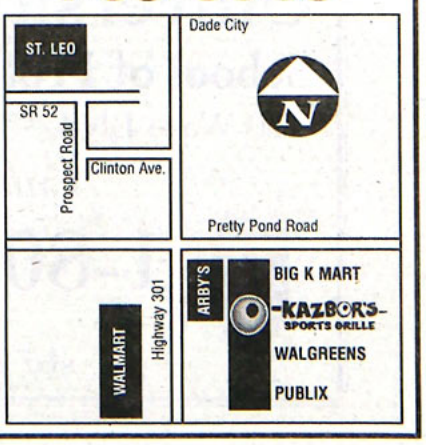
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